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GENERAL

ASIA YEARBOOK (HC412 F3)

Provides a comprehensive survey of significant political and economic events for more than thirty Asian countries or territories within the region. It also covers areas of regional and national significance such as military power, trade, energy and commodities.

BACKGROUND NOTES ON THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD (D16.25 U5)

Compiled from U.S. Department of State's regional bureau reports to provide detailed information about a country's people, history, government, political conditions, economy, U.S. and foreign relations, travel, and business. This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>.

EUROPA PUBLICATIONS REGIONAL SURVEYS OF THE WORLD

Offer general surveys of the regions, and analytical articles on issues of regional importance. Also included are individual country surveys detailing physical and social geography, political and economic affairs, and statistical survey.

AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA (DT352 A3)

CENTRAL AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE (DJK50 E281)

EASTERN EUROPE, RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA (DJK50 E282)

EUROPA WORLD YEAR BOOK (JN1 E81)

FAR EAST AND AUSTRALASIA (DS518.1 F3)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (DS49 M5)

SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (F1408 S68)

WESTERN EUROPE (D1051 W47)

NEWSPAPERS – USA AND WORLDWIDE

Maintained since 1995 by Refdesk as a source of English and foreign language web sites. Available on the Internet at <<http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html>>.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ISSUE FOCUS REPORTS, compiled by the Bureau of International Information Programs, cover selected issues and topics concerning the United States. Available on the Internet at <<http://usinfo.state.gov/admin/005/wwwmenu.html>>.

KEY U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORTS and CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORTS AND ISSUE BRIEFS are selectively presented at the Foreign Press Centers web site. Available on the Internet at <<http://fpc.state.gov/c4564.htm>>.

POST REPORTS are written for “U.S. Government employees and family members assigned to diplomatic missions abroad and provide information about living, housing, and health conditions, as well as recreational, cultural, and employment opportunities for family members in the host country”. Available on the Internet at <http://foia.state.gov/MMS/postrpt/pr_view_start.asp>.

WORLD TODAY SERIES

Published annually for information about individual countries, including their history, culture, political system, foreign policy, defense policy, economy, and concise assessments of their future:

AFRICA (DT1 D6)

CANADA (F1001 C34)

EAST, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC (DS518.1 H51)

LATIN AMERICA (F1408 C69)

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA (DS44 C55)

NORDIC, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (JN7042 T35)

RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (DK266 S4471)

WESTERN EUROPE (D967 W47)

MILITARY

DEFENSE & FOREIGN AFFAIRS HANDBOOK (UA10 D3)

Covers 245 countries and territories for political and constitutional data; defense structure, budgets, manpower, and battle orders for all military services; treaties; key embassies; major intelligence services; and insurgency groups.

MILITARY BALANCE (UA15 I5)

Published annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) to provide quantitative assessment of the military power and defense expenditures of individual countries. This handbook is generally considered to be the best of its kind.

STRATEGIC SURVEY: AN EVALUATION AND FORECAST OF WORLD AFFAIRS
(UA15 I51)

Produced by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), this reference work offers current strategic, political, and defense assessments of world regions.

POLITICS

POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD (JF37 P6)

Published annually to update political developments and economic facts about nations, dependent territories and major intergovernmental organizations such as NATO, OPEC, and UN affiliates.

POLITICAL RISK YEARBOOK (HD2755.5 P66)

Provides 18-month and five-year political and economic forecasts for individual countries contained within each regional volume. Regions included are:

CENTRAL & SOUTH ASIA
EAST ASIA & THE PACIFIC
EAST EUROPE
WEST EUROPE
MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
NORTH & CENTRAL AMERICA
SOUTH AMERICA
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

SIPRI YEARBOOK (JX1974 S775)

Reviews recent regional and worldwide developments in weapons, military spending, international arms trade and other issues related to armaments, disarmament and international security.

STATESMAN'S YEARBOOK (JA51 S75)

Offers descriptive and statistical information on the world's politics, cultures, and economies. It also includes social institutions, environmental data, and key historical events.

TREATIES AND ALLIANCES OF THE WORLD (KZ1301 T74)

Identifies, in a one-volume guide, major treaties and alliances currently in force.

WORLD MILITARY AND SOCIAL EXPENDITURES (UA17 S59)

Provides an annual account of the use of world resources for social and military purposes.

ECONOMICS

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY (HB3730 E251)

Continues *World Outlook* for annual forecasts of the political and economic prospects of more than 180 countries.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DATA BASE

The IDB is “a computerized data bank containing statistical tables of demographic, and socio-economic data for 227 countries and areas of the world.” Updated 30 September 2004. Available at <<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idbnew.html>>.

WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY: TRENDS AND POLICIES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY (HC59 U6)

Published annually by the United Nations for analysis of the state of the world economy and emerging policy issues.

RESEARCH DATABASES

Below are selected online commercial databases available in the U.S. Army War College Library and through the Carlisle Barracks local area network. They offer access to electronic journal articles, reports, working papers, books, and related resources.

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ONLINE (CIAO)

Is a comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. Includes working papers from university research institutes, conference proceedings, occasional papers series from NGOs, books, journals, and policy briefs.

COUNTRYWATCH.COM

Offers political, economic, historical, cultural, environmental, and business information of the countries of the world.

FACTS.COM

Offers current facts, statistics, country profiles, maps, editorial opinion, news art, photos, and historic documents connected to the story.

JANE'S SENTINEL

Consists of *Jane's Sentinel Security Assessments* for nations' political, security, and military affairs. Each region is organized by country profiles, and includes analysis of the latest trends and events; detailed analyses of internal and external threats; and overviews of armed forces, security and foreign forces.

THE BALKANS

CENTRAL AFRICA

CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE BALTIC STATES

CHINA AND NORTHEAST ASIA

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

THE GULF STATES

NORTH AFRICA

NORTH AMERICA

OCEANIA

RUSSIA AND THE CIS

SOUTH AMERICA

SOUTH ASIA
SOUTHEAST ASIA
SOUTHERN AFRICA
WEST AFRICA
WESTERN EUROPE

STRATFOR.COM

Provides strategic intelligence on global business, economic, security and geopolitical affairs. Also includes discussion forums.

UNITED NATIONS TREATY COLLECTION

Includes three primary databases: Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General for 500 major multilateral instruments; United Nations Treaty Series (UNTS) for registered treaties since 1946; and Texts of Recently Deposited Multilateral Treaties, recorded but not yet published.

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